

Gang Member Gets Prison Sentence for Murder

Other defendants face prison time on robbery, weapons, rape and drug dealing charges

A gang-related shooting in 2015 that left a 17-year-old dead resulted in a 20 year sentence for the shooter. Alexander Fitzgerald, 22, of Wilmington, a member of the Touch Money Gang (TMG), received his sentence from a Superior Court judge. In February 2015, officers answering a call of shots fired found Deshon Sellers near the intersection of East 24th and Lamotte Streets suffering from gunshot wounds. In June 2018, Fitzgerald pled guilty to Murder Second Degree, Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, and Illegal Gang Participation. A judge sentenced Fitzgerald to 20 years in prison, followed by 18 months of probation. Deputy Attorneys General John Downs, Periann Doko and Daniel McBride prosecuted the case. Detective Tom Curley of the Wilmington Police Department served as lead detective.

Deputy Attorneys General Amanda DiLiberto and Marc Petrucci secured a guilty verdict in a jury trial for a 33-year-old Philadelphia man who now faces decades in prison on several charges relating to an armed home invasion. In July 2015, a man living in a home on Faulk Road opened his door after a man with a pizza box knocked on the door. Andrew Allen forced his way inside the home, shoving a gun into the victim. Allen restrained the victim with duct tape, and beat him while rummaging through the home, eventually taking cash before leaving the house. A Superior Court jury convicted Allen of Robbery First Degree, 4 counts of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony, Home Invasion, Burglary Second Degree, Assault Second Degree, and Conspiracy Second Degree. A Superior Court judge will hold a sentencing in March 2019, where Allen faces a minimum of 22 years in prison.

Retired Detective Steven Rizzo of the Delaware State Police served as the chief investigating officer, with DOJ social worker Kristen Fluharty-Emory and paralegals Lisa Loikith and Julie Caputo assisting with the prosecution.

A 29-year-old New Castle man was sentenced to prison for his guilty plea on rape and weapons charges. Deputy Attorney General Jan van Amerongen secured the sentence for Kharak Singh. In August 2017, Singh bound, terrorized, beat, raped, choked and threatened to kill a woman over a period of several hours. In July 2018, Deputy Attorney General Diana Dunn secured a guilty plea to Rape Third Degree and Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony from Singh. A Superior Court judge sentenced Singh to 15 years in prison, followed by 6 months of either home confinement or work release, then 2 years of probation, registering as a Tier 3 sex offender. Detective Jon Adams from New Castle County Police Department was the lead detective on the case.

Deputy Attorney General Michael Cooksey secured a guilty plea and prison sentence for a New Castle man found with hundreds of bags of heroin. In February 2018, a New Castle County Police Officer stopped a car driven by Allen Lister, 22, for illegal window tinting. After noticing a strong smell of marijuana coming from the car, police conducted a search of the vehicle and found 659 baggies of heroin in the center console of the car. Lister pled guilty in Superior Court to one count of Drug Dealing Tier 4 (Heroin), and was immediately sentenced by a judge to 2 years in prison, followed by 18 months of probation. Paralegal Gaven Plump assisted with the prosecution.